



Zebra mussel

Round goby

Purple loosestrife

Eurasian watermilfoil

Sea lamprey

## Student Poster Contest

### “Help Protect Your Waters and Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!”

### Grades 6th-8th

The Office of the Great Lakes is providing Michigan students a way to use critical thinking and to demonstrate their knowledge of Great Lakes aquatic invasive species. As you teach your students about these invaders, have your students design a poster to convey a message to their friends, family, and neighbors about how to keep aquatic invasive species from spreading to new lakes and rivers. Please include an explanation, not more than 150 words, describing the information presented in the poster. The winning poster will be selected based on the accuracy of the message, legibility, and ability to be reproduced. To view the 2004 winning poster, visit the 2005 Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Week official website at [www.michigan.gov/dequaquaticinvasives](http://www.michigan.gov/dequaquaticinvasives).

- \* **Poster size must be 11 x 17 inches, in full color or black and white, using pencil, colored pencil, watercolor, pen and ink, and/or acrylic paint.**

The winning student will have their poster signed by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm as the official poster for Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Week, June 4-12, 2005, to be reproduced and distributed statewide and will have an opportunity to participate in an episode of Michigan United Conservation Clubs' Michigan Out-of-Doors™ Television. Winning and honorable mention entries will be posted on the Department of Environmental Quality website. No entries will be returned. All submissions must be received no later than **Friday, March 18, 2005**. All entries become the property of the Office of the Great Lakes and may be published or used at its discretion.

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*Please remove and send the bottom section and your entry to:*

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School Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_



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# OPERATION SERVICE CENTERS

Natural resource managers are concerned about possible introduction of non-native fish to Michigan and have set up the Angler's Monitoring Network to report any discoveries. Anglers should save and report any unidentified fish to the nearest DNR Operations Service Center.

**Baraga Operations Service Center**  
427 US-41 North  
Baraga, MI 49908  
**906-353-6651**

**Bay City Operations Service Center**  
503 north Euclid Ave., Suite 1  
Bay City, MI 48706  
**989-684-9141**

**Cadillac Operations Service Center**  
8015 Mackinaw Trail  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
**231-775-9727**

**Gaylord Operations Service Center**  
1732 West M-32  
Gaylord, MI 49735  
**989-732-3541**

**Livonia Operations Service Center**  
38980 Seven Mile Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48152  
**734-953-0241**

**Marquette Operations Service Center**  
1990 US-41 South  
Marquette, MI  
**906-228-6561**

**Newberry Operations Service Center**  
5100 State Highway M-123  
Newberry, MI 49868  
**906-293-5131**

**Plainwell Operations Service Center**  
621 North 10th Street  
Plainwell, MI 49080  
**269-685-6851**

**Roscommon Operations Service Center**  
I-75 & M-18 South  
8717 North Roscommon Rd.  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
**989-275-5151**

## WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Anglers should learn to identify non-native fish and plants they may encounter and take precautions to prevent their spread. These actions include:

- **Removing all visible aquatic plants and animals from your boat, motor, trailer, and accessory equipment before leaving the access area. Dispose of live bait and aquatic animals in the trash. Do not release live bait into the water.**
- **Draining live wells and all water from boats before leaving the access area.**
- **Power washing boats and trailers wherever possible or drying all equipment thoroughly.**
- **Allowing boat to dry for at least 10 days before launching into a different water body.**

## INVASIVE SPECIES: A PROBLEM OF HISTORIC PROPORTIONS

Michigan waters have been invaded by non-native aquatic plants and animals such as zebra mussels, round goby, sea lamprey, Eurasian ruffe, Eurasian watermilfoil, rusty crayfish, and spiny water flea. These species and others are harmful to recreational fishing and do extensive economic and natural resource damage.

### THE ANGLER MONITORING NETWORK IN MICHIGAN

The Angler's Monitoring Network for detecting new introductions of non-native fish species in Michigan has been implemented. The network acts as an additional 1.3 million sets of eyes (number of licensed anglers in Michigan) to monitor for new invasions. The network is an informal system of information, education and reporting that provides a way for potentially all anglers in the state to report on any new introduction of non-native fish to Michigan waters.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visit [www.michigan.gov/deq](http://www.michigan.gov/deq)  
[anglers-monitoring-network](http://anglers-monitoring-network)  
or contact:

Office of the Great Lakes  
Michigan Department of  
Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 30473  
Lansing, MI 48909  
517-335-4056



### STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.  
Clean all recreational equipment.  
[www.ProtectYourWaters.net](http://www.ProtectYourWaters.net)

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## AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

## MICHIGAN ANGLER'S MONITORING NETWORK

*Help Find and Report New  
Invasive Fish*

